By W. D. WALLACH,

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OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 28, 1856. Notice is hereby given to the holders of the stock issued pursuant to the act of Congress of 22d July, 1816, that such stock is redeemable by its terms, and will be paid at the Treasury on the surrender of the certificates thereof, on the 12th of November next, when interest thereon will

This department will continue to purchase such stock prior to said day of redemption, and will pay therefor the following premium, in addition to the interest accrued to the day of purchase, with one day's interest for the money to reach

On such stock received at the Treasury between the 1st day of June and the 31st day of July, in clusive, one-half of one per cent. on the amounts

specified in the certificates : On such stock received between the 1st and 31st

days of August, one-fourth of one per cent: And on such stock received after the 31st day of August, the interest accrued thereon, and one

day's additional interest only, will be paid. Certificates of such stock transmitted under this notice must be duly assigned to the United States by the party entitled to receive the purchase money; and when sent prior to the 1st July the current half year's interest mu taiso be assigned by the present stockholder, otherwise such

interest will be payable as heretofore.

And notice is further given to holders of other stocks of the United States that this department will purchase the same between the 1st day of June and the 1st day of December next, unless the sum of \$1,500,000 shall be previously obtained, and will pay for the same, in addition to the interest accrued from the day of the last dividend of interest, and one day's additional interest for the money to reach the vendor, the following rates

On stock of the loan of 1842, a premium of 10

On stock of the loans of 1847 and 1848 a premium of 16 per cent .;

And on stock issued under the act of 9th September, 1950, commonly called Texan indemnity stock, a premium of 6 per cent.

Certificates transmitted under this notice should be duly assigned to the United States by the party entitled to receive the money; and if sent previous to the 1st July, the current half-year's interest must also be assigned by the present stockholder, otherwise the interest for the half year to that day will be payable to him as heretofore.

Payment for all the foregoing stocks will be made by drafts on the assistant treasurers at Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, as the parties entitled to receive the money may direct.

JAMES GUTHRIE, m 29-dt12Nov Secretary of the Treasury.

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THE STEAMER GEORGE WASHING. TON will depart at the follow-

Leave Alexandria 7%, 9, 11, 1%, 3%, 5% Leave Weshington...8, 10, 12, 2%, 4%, 6% 28-d JOB CORSON, Captain.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1856.

NO. 1,090.

TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT | PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY FROM TOBIAS,

WISHES TO CALL THE ATTENTION to all that suffer with defective sight, caused by age, sickness, and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior SPECTACLES and GLASSES carefully ground by himself to a true spherical accuracy, and brilliant true spherical accuracy, and brilliant spherical accuracy. liant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the wearer according to the concavity or convexity of the eye. Very numerous are the ill effects caused to the precious organ of sight from the commencement of using glasses in not being precisely suited, by the use of an Optometer; and the practice of many years enables him to measure the focal disease of the eyes, and such glasses that are absolutely required will be furnished with precision and satisfaction.

JOHN TOBIAS acknowledges the very liberal encouragement already obtained, and further solicits the patronage of those that have not yet availed themselves of his aid.

Persons that cannot conveniently call, by sending the glasses in use, and state how many inches they can read this print with their spectacles. can be supplied with such as will improve their

Innumerable testimonials to be seen; and references given to many who have derived the greatest ease and comfort from his glasses. Circulars to be had gratis, at his office, No. 512 SEVENTH STREET, three doors from Odd Fellows' Hall, UP STAIRS.

Sir-The Spectacles you made for me suit very well, and seem to have improved my sight more than any other I have lately tried. LITT. W. TAZEWELL.

I have tried a pair of Spectacles obtained from Mr. Tobias, and find them of great assistance to my sight, and corresponding with his description of the focus. I recommend him as a skillful op-HENRY A. WISE.

Having been induced by a friend to visit the establishment of Mr. Tobias for the purpose of try-ing his glasses, I was furnished by him with a pair slightly colored blue, which have afforded me more relief and gratification than any i have ever tried. My sight, originally very good, was injured by writing and reading at night, frequeatly to a very late hour; but with the aid of these glasses I can study almost as late as ever, and that too without the pain I have previously suffered. JOHN WILSON, Late Commissioner Gen'l Land Office.

I have used Mr. Tobias's Spectacles for three or four months, and take great pleasure in sayng that I am much pleased with them. I have been much benefitted by them

May 5th, 1858. GEOR. P. SCARBURGH. I was recommended to Mr. John Tobias as a skillful optician; and as I have eyes of remarkable peculiarity, I was gratified to find that Mr Tobias seemed to comprehend them by inspection and some slight measurement, and he has

made me a pair of Spectacles that suits me ad-July 11, 1856. A. P. BUTLER.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 27, 1854. Mr. J Tobias: Dear Sir-i am happy to say that the Spectacles which I obtained from you last week are entirely satisfactory. From an inequality in the visual range of my eyes, I have heretofound great difficulty in getting glasses of the proper focal distance It affords me pleasure to state that, by the aid of your optometer, this difficulty has been happily obviated so that the glasses you furnished me are dec dedly the best adapted to my eyes of any I have ever yet used.

Very respectfully, yours, R. B. DRANE, Rector of St James' Parish.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, May 7, 1855. From natural defects and the unequal range of my eyes, I have been compelled to use glasses for several years. I have tried different opticians without obtaining glasses perfectly fitted to my eyes. Four months since Mr. Tobias made two pairs especially for me, which I have found to serve me perfectly. By the use of his optometer he is enabled to adapt Glasses minutely to the eye. most cheerfully recommend Mr. Tobias to all having occasion to use glasses and hear my testimony as to his skill as an optician.

HENRY E. BALDWIN, Assist. Sec'y to sign Land Warrants.

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"There is scarcely any other country in the world where legislation proceeds ordinarily in so cautious a manner as in the United Kingdom. Suggestions are made, inquiries are instituted, reports are produced, and bills or projects of laws are prepared, which after passing the orderl of parliamentary investigation and discussion in both Houses, often become laws, and oftener still are remitted back to other committees of inquiry, and to the maturing influence of time and public

" In the course of these legislative proceedings most valuable f cts are collected, which illustrate the condition, wants, and prospects of society better than any other evidence, bring out the various phenomens of life with the truthfulness of

"There is no country which possesses a more extensive executive machinery, with establishments spread over every clime, all which are re sponsible to the State, and give annual reports of their labor-reports which furnish the best reportory of the political. social, or commercial progress of the respective communities at home or abroad. Yet most of the information thus annually gathered is, for all practical purposes, rendered usavailable, owing to its extent and comprehensiveness. The inquirer recoils from approaching so great a bulk of heavy forios, and they are to him a labyrinth through which he cannot easily find a clue. The present pub ication s intended to give a new life to these public documents, and to bring out perspicuously what is essentially useful in them, whilst the documents will be classified in a manner which will

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DEALER IN ICE, Office and Depot-Southwest corner of F and feb 27-11

LOSS BY FIRE! Subscribed Capital and Surplus \$1,358,151 13.

FARMERS AND MECHANICS' INSUR-ANCE CO., OF PHILADELPHIA. Office northwest corner Pennsylvania avenue and 17th street, Washington City, D. C.

STATEMENT OF BUSINESS FROM THE 1ST day of August to the 31st day of December, Am unt received in marine premiums. . \$68,942 3

fire premiums..... 39,908 82 Total premiums for five months..... 108,151 13 Capital 1,250,000 00 1,358,151 13 Invested as follows: Bonds of Alleghery county, Pittsburg, and Philadelphia City 6 \$78,721 66

Railroad boads, cost..... Loans on first mortgage of real estate.. 33,400 00 59,950 00 Do stocks, collateral..... Cash in bank and on hand 11,092 22 Premium notes, not matured..... Due from agents (secured by bonds)... 66 387 31 18,853 61 Expenses and commissions..... 11,662 33

1,358,151 13 Total amount of losses reported to 1st January, 1856

DIRECTORS. Hon, Thos. B. Flerence, Charles Dingee, George H. Armstrong, Thomas Manderfield, Charles A Rubicam, Edward R. Helmbold, George Helmbold, F. Carroll Brewster, lames E Nea!!, Isaac Leach, Jr. THOMAS B. FLORENCE, President.

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With a view of affording ample indemnity to the public, the company have deposited with MESSRS DUNCAN, SHERMAN, & CO., OF NEW YORK, THAIR BANKERS,

Cash and premium notes to provide an accruing Trust Fund of One Hundred Thousand Dollars. To be held by them as a iditional security to policy holders for the payment of losses.

oss or damage by fire on DWKLLINGS, FURNI-TURS, MILLS, MANUFACTORIES, WARE-USES, all descriptions of BUILDINGS, and their contents, or all kinds of MRRCHANDISE wansported by VESSELS, STRAMBOATS, CA-NAL BOATS, RAIL TOADS, and the usual conveyances to or from any portion of EUROPE and AMERICA, and on the hulls of STEAMBOATS The rates of premium will be as low as other

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NNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR Pl ending January 1, 1856. Assets of the Company, consisting of Bonds and Mortgages on unencumbered real estate \$110.004 00 tocks of other Corporations, worth par Cash on hand

Bills receivable, consisting of Marine notes and \$219,420 0 Whole receipts for premiums during the year .\$112,812 00 Paid for losses and expenses during the year

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THOMAS K. LIMERICK, Secretary. Risks changed from other companies to this no charge for policy fee. Enquire at the office of J. E. Kendall, over R. Morrow's Exchange Office first door West of W. B. Todd's Hat Store, on Pennsylvenia avenue.

DAVID MYERLE, Agent. Proposals for Copper-plate Engraving.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING, Washington, July 25, 1856

DUPLICATE PROPOSALS WILL BE REceived at this office until the 14th day of August next, at 12 o'clock m, for engraving up-on steel or copper, in the highest style of the sev-eral styles of the art of steel or copper-plate en graving, various maps, profiles, panoramic views and views of scenery required to illustrate the several reports of surveys of a railroad route to the Pacific ocean.

Fach proposal must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the ability of the party bidding to execute the work, by specimens of each class or style of work bid for, executed in his or their own office, and by a statement of the force which can be employed by each upon the work.

It is to be distinctly understood that no bids will be entertained from any parties not directly engaged in, and practically acquainted with, the

engaged in, and practically acquainted with, the syle of work bid for.

The bid- will state separately the price, and but one price, for each style of engraving (specifying whether in line or otherwise) of each map or plate bid for, and the time required for executing he same. Contracts will be entered into with, and bonds

with security will be required from, the success-

ful bidders for their faithful execution of the work All work will be required to be executed "to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War."

The work can be inspected by persons desirous of bidding therefor, upon application at this of-

The proposals must be addressed, one to the "Chairman of the Committee on Engraving," "House of Representatives United States," and one to A. G. Seaman, Superintendent Public Printing, Washington, D. C., ard be plainly endorsed "Proposals tor Steel or Copper-plate Engraving."

A. G. SEAMAN, Superintendent graving." jy 26-dt14thAug Superintendent.

EXCURSIONS. &c.

FIRST GRAND PIC NIC OF THE ECHO CLUB ARLINGTON SPRING On MONDAY, August 18.

THE MEMBERS PLEDGE THEMSELVES L to spare no pains to make this one of the most pleasant Pic Nics of the season. Dinner will be furnished by an experienced Scott's excellent Cotillon Band is engaged for

Tickets FIFTY CENTS. The boat will leave Fourteenth street bridge at o'clock a. m. Stages will leave the corner of

Seventh and M streets, Northern Libertles, at 7% o'clock; Anacostia Engine House, Navy Yard, at 7 a. m. au 5-2t*

PIC-NIC AND EXCURSION

INDIAN HEAD & FORT WASH NGTON

THE NAVY YARD BAPTIST CHOIR having chartered the safe and commodious steamer ALICE C. PRICE, will make an Excursion down the Potomae to Indian Head and Fort Washington, on THURSDAY, the 7th instant. The Committee promise to spare no pains to make this one of the most pleasant Excursions of

The Choir will be assisted by some of the most prominent vocalists of Washington. The boat will leave City wharf at 8 o'clock a. m , Navy Yard at half past 8, and Alexandria at Tickets FIFTY CENTS; Children 12% cents;

to be had of the members of the Choir, children of the Sabbath School, and Committee of Ar-Committee. Henry Marks. Warren E Clark, Charles Sanderson, Charles J Griffin. Charles Allen, John Carter, James Dunnington.

Greatest Excursion of the Season. Teachers of St. Peter's Sunday-school. TO PYES LANDING, On the Large and Safe Steamer Powhatan.

THE TEACHERS OF ST. PETER'S SUN. announce to their friends and the public that they will give an Excussion to the above named place THURSDAY, August 7th. Persons who desire to spend a day pleasantly for the benefit of health, will find every arrange. ment made that will conduce to their comfort Ladies can tely on perfect order being maintained. he Managers having determined that nothing shall be left undone to make their Excursion long remembered as the most pleasant of the season. The boat will leave the city wharf at 8%, Navy Yard at 9 o'clock; returning at a seasonable hour

A fine Band of Music has been engaged for the Dinner and confectionery at city prices by an

experienced caterer Tickets FIFTY CENTS; children half price: to be had at John F. Ellis's Music Store; Martin King's Drug Store; J. O'Donnel's Drug Store, Navy Yard; and at the boat on the morning of

P. oposals for Deepening the Outlets of the Mississippi river into the Gulf of Mexico. ENGINEER DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, August 4, 1:56.

DROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT I this office until the first day of October next for "opening and keeping open ship channels of sufficient capacity to accommodate the wants of commerce, through the Southwest Pass and Pass a l'Ou're, leading from the Mississippi river into the Gulf of Mexico," for which purpose there was appropriated, by act of Congress of 8th of July, 1856, three hundred and thirty thousand

Bidders are requested to state the amount for which they will contract to open each of the channels specified throughout a well defined width of three hundred feet, to a depth of not less than eighteen feet below the level of crdinary low water, which evel will be determined by a bench mark on the shore, to be established by an officer or officers appointed by the Secretary of War; and they are also requested to state the longest period of time for which they will contract to keep each channel open to such width and depth for the residue of the appropriation after the amount of the bid for opening, if accepted, is paid; and to state also, in separate proposals, the same particulars for opening and keeping open each channel to a uniform depth of not less than twenty feet through out a well defined width of three hundred feet. The means by which it may be proposed to ac-

opening the channels, must be stated in the pro-The right to accept the offer which, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, proposes the best method of accomplishing the object contemplated and to accept either proposal of any bidder for either of the passes, to the exclusion of the propossis of the same bidder for the other pass, is

complish the work and the least time necessary for

The quantity of matter necessary to be removed from the existing channels at the passes to be deepened, or the distance along either channel to either of the specified depths, cannot, for want of accurate information as to their present condition, be stated. Persons who desire to undertake the Work are expected, therefore, to inform themselves of its extent, and of the best means of accomplish-

After a contract has been entered into, the place and directions of the channels to be opened will be designated to the contractor by an officer or officers appointed for that purpose by the Secre-tary of War, and the amount which may be agreed upon for opening each will be paid after each has been completed, and found, upon examination by an officer or officers, appointed as above. to be conformable, in all respects, to the stipulations of the contract; but no payment will be made on account of any work done towards opening either channel until after such channel shall have been completed, examined, and approved,

At the expiration of one-third of the time during which the channels are to be kept open, eighty per cent of one-third of the whole amount of the contract for keeping open will be ; aid; at the expiration of two-thirds of the time an additional payment of one third of the whole amount contracted for will be paid; and at the expiration of he whole time during which the channe's are to be kept open, the twenty percent retained at the Our artist now started in high spirits for the first payment, and the remaining third of the capital, and to complete his happiness, the whole amount of the contract for keeping the channels open, will be paid; but no payment will be made until after the channels have been examined at each period of payment, by an officer or others appointed by the Secretary of War and found to be in all respects conformable to con-

Proposals must be accompanied by evidence of ability to execute the work in the way, and within the time proposed, and should be addressed to the "Engineer Department, Washington," and endorsed "Proposals for opening channels at outlets of the Mississippi river."

When the time within which proposals are to be received has expired they will be opened and considered, and a contract be entered into with the bidder or bidders whose plan of operation and evidence of ability to execute the work are most satisfactory to the Secretary of War. To be inserted for thirty days in the National In

telligencer, and the Evening Star, Washington; the Commercial Bulletin, and the True Delta, New Orleans; the Mobile Register, Mobile; the Argus, and the Pennsylvanian, at Philadelphia; the Day Book, and the Journal of Commerce. New York; the Times, and the Post, Boston; the Republican, and the Pilot, St. Louis; the Enquirer, Cincinnati; and the Democrat, Louisville. Accounts for advertising, with two copies of paper containing advertisement, to be sent to Engineer Department for payment. au 5d30t

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Do Shaker Do

Also, a full supply of Linen and Jean DRAW ERS, of gold quality and styles. It will be recollected that we buy exclusively for cash, and that we offer the best goods at the lowest and uniform prices, at STEVENS'S Salesroom, Browns' Hotel. m 16-tf TORPORATION STOCK .- \$5,000 Corpo

ration of Washington Stock for sale at feb 25-tf CHUBB BROTHERS.

EVENING STAR

CESAR DUCORNET.

The subject of the following sketch, which we copy from a late English journal, was undoubtedly, in some respects, one of the most remarkable men of the present century, and a noble illustration of the triumph of genius over physical disadvantages-one of those instances in which some great affliction which has descended upon a human being, is acrompanied by some precious gift-some peculiar arrangement of circumstances, or some happy organization, which neutralizes the evil, and places the afflicted person on a level with his neighbors. The sketch is full of interest, and we solicit for it the attention of our readers, feeling certain they may derive both pleasure and instruction from it :

On the 6th of January, 1806, in one of the humblest houses of the Rue St. Jacques, at Lille, an infant was born so sadly deformed that they tried to hide him from his mother. While the father wept, the neighbors looked upon the little stranger with something like fear, and said to themselves, "It would be s happy thing if he should die." But the in fant did not die, and as the mother demanded him with an importunity not to be resisted, he was placed in her arms, and received the first maternal kiss from her whose languid eyes failed to show her the sad reality. Some days afterwards the bootmaker Du-

cornet and his young wife stood with gloomy faces beside the cradle of a child born without arms, and whose lower extremities were little else than trunks terminated by feet, having only four toes to each. "No matter," the mother exclaimed; "I love him," and raising the infant from the cradle, she pressed him tightly against her breast. "And I too," her husband said: "at least the unhappy child shall not go through the world without a father and a mother

Such was the entrance into life of Cæsar Ducornet, historical painter, laureate of the academical schools, recipient of the gold medal of the exhibitions at the Louvre, and corresponding member of the Imperial Society of Agriculture, Science and Art of Lille.

The early childhood of Ducornet was not unhappy, for infants do not know themselves. Besides, he had such an agreeable face, such a quick and precocious intelligence of expression, and so much odd dexterity about his years ago; whereupon they had praised his movements, that every one regarded him with | philosophy." sympathy, and good-hearted people even thought him handsome. Meanwhile the child grew up, and it became necessary to choose an occupation for him In that condition of life in which he was born, a man's strong arm is needed to earn his daily bread, and the unfortunate boy had no arms. They could think of no trade which would suit a person games of his companions, for his misfortune did not, as might be supposed, seclude him from the sports of his age, he showed a wonderful dexterity. He learnt to use his feet for nearly every purpose for which other persons use their hands, and with an equal facility and freedom. He used them to throw the ball to his companions, to hold a pen, to cut figures with a pair of scissors, and in other ways equally marvelous. One day the boy surprised his parents by tracing on a piece of paper a number of ornamental letters admirably executed An old man, a teacher of writing, who happened to be present, was affected even to tears at this evidence of innate talent struggling through difficulties. and offered to give the boy some lessons gratuitously. Such was the ability he displayed, that in less than a year he was at the head of

the writing-master's class. Strange as such ability undoubtedly was, there was something still more strange yet to follow. The new pupil showed his skill not only in writing, but in drawings and original designs, which were executed with equal ability. The benevolent writing master showed these productions to M. Watteau, professor of drawing at the academical schools of Lille, who, in his turn, was seized with admiration at the wonderful aptitude shown by this strange artist, and caused him to be admitted into the academy. The professor, with great delicacy, placed in the class of grown-up pupils, with whom he was comparatively safe from the jokes and rude remarks of the enfants terribles, as the French emphatically

call all naughty little boys and girls. At the Academy of Lille, Casar Ducornet carried off all the prizes one after another, and at length received the great medal for modeling from the life. This victory proved a most fortunate occurrence for Ducornet. There is still living in Lille, at the age of eighty, a noble-hearted man, whose whole life has been divided between the pursuits of which the work must extend, in order to obtain | the arts and acts of benevolence. M Demailly became the protector of the youth, took him to his house, clothed him, fed him, encouraged him in his efforts, and, in short, acted towards him as though he had been his father. When we reflect that the same hand which sustained the first efforts of the young painter remained to close his eyes forty years later, it would indeed seem as though Heaven created such hearts expressly to place in the way of a great misfortune.

Sometimes good fortunes, as well as misfortunes, do not come single. Soon after Ducornet had found a protector, the Duke of Angouleme, who was visiting the museum at Lille, saw the young artist engaged in copying a painting by Vandyke. Astonished at the sight of such a strange being executing a most difficult work of art, the prince conceived a considerable degree of interest in him, presented him with a pension of 1,200 francs, and persuaded him to continue his studies in Paris Previous to this the people of Lille had subscribed a sum equal to a pension of 300 francs for Ducornet.

benevolent M. Demailly followed him there. He entered the Academie Royale, and was soon afterwards admitted into the studio of a distinguished artist. In 1826, six months after his entrance into the Academy, he obtained the third medal, and in the following force of men, and all, except the bridges, will year the second. In the year 1828 he appeared among the crowd of competitors for the grand prize at Rome. On this occasion a rather singular circumstance took place. The professors, who had been informed of the curious figure and conformation of Ducornet, pronounced it physically impossible for him to paint a picture of the required size (42 by 32,) and struck his name off the list. The circumstance, so far from discouraging the young artist, gave him new courage, and his first picture was painted exactly of that size which the professors had declared him unable to compass. The picture is the Farewell of Hector and Andromache, now in the museum

In 1820, the professors of the Academie Royale withdrew their rejection of his name, and Ducornet executed the proposed subject, Jacob refusing to deliver the young Benjamin to his brothers. The painting was admitted to at the head of the Academy refused to crown a painter without arms, regarding his success as a sort of disgrace to the less fortunate competitors who had the proper number of About this time he quitted the studio of M Lethiere, to fly, as the expression is, on his

own wing. The next work of his pencil was a painting known as the Slave Merchants, which is now in the Museum of Arras. During the first few years which followed the revolution of 1830, Ducornet obtained orders from the government. Our space does not admit of our following Casar Ducornet through the remaining events

of his life, or of detailing the long list of his

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latter, that they were numerous and various enough to prove that, if their author died poor, it was not for the want of the most patient industry. Suffice it that, during a life so strangely isolated from the common objects of desire and activity, the artist worked on not only cheerfully but happily; that his art was to him all that business, pleasure, wife, children, and the social intercourse of friends, are to others; that his life afforded a proof, not only of the triumph of genius over me

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Thirty years of constant labor had not sufficed to place Ducornet in a position of ease. He lived in the midst of privations, but still he struggled courageously on. At length, one day about four months ago, he was seized with a stroke of paralysis; and on the 27th of April, 1856, the painter of Lille expired in the arms of his father and of M. Damailly. For a long time past these two old men had been the whole world to poor Ducornet.

ENGLISH TRAITS, by Ralph Walde Emer-son, the long-expected latest work of the great Transcendentalist, will be ready for publication on the first of August. It is a thorough analysis of English character, which is considered mostly from a highly favorable point of view, and discussed in the tone of a sensible practical man of the world, and not in that of a poet or philosopher, and still less in that of a historian or a statesman. Land, races, manners, character, wealth, aristocracy, religion, literature, the universities, and the Times newspaper, are the chief topics. There is little account of persons in the book. Landor, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and Carlyle only are described Mr. Emerson called on Wordsworth at Rydal

"His daughters called in their father, a plain, elderly, white-haired man, not prepossessing, and disfigured by green goggles. He sat down, and talked with great simplicity.

He had just returned from a journey. His health was good, but he had broken a tooth by a fall, when walking with two lawyers, and had said he was glad it did not happen forty At the time of Mr. Emerson's first visit to England, Carlyle was living on a farm in the south of Scotland.

"I found the house amid desolate heathenry hills, where the lonely scholar neurished his mighty heart. Carlyle was a man from his youth-an author who did not need to hide from his readers, and as absolute a man in such an unhappy condition. And yet it of the world, unknown and existed on that had been remarked that when joining in the hill-farm, as if holding on his own terms what is best in London. He was tall and gaunt, with a cliff-like brow, self-possessed, and holding his extraordinary powers of conversation in easy command; clinging to his northern accent with evident relish; full of lively aucodote, and with a streaming humor which float-

ed everything he looked upon. Emerson says of Savage Landor :- "He glorified Lord Chesterfield more than was neccessary, and undervalued Burke, and undervalued Socrates; designated as three of the greatest of men, Washington, Phocion, and Timoleon; much as our phrenologists, in their lists, select the three or the six best pears ' for a small orchard;' and did not even omit to remark the similar termination of their

Coleridge Mr. Emerson described as-" A short, thick old man, with bright blue eges and fine clear complexion, leaning on his cane He took snuff freely, which presently soiled his cravat and neat black suit. He asked whether I knew Alston, and spoke warmly of his merits and doings when he knew him in Rome; what a master of the Titianesque he was, &c. He spoke of Dr. Channing It was an unspeakable misfortune that he should have turned out a Unitarian after all. On this he burst into a declamation on the folly and ignorance of Unitarianism-its high unreasonableness. When he stopped to take breath, I interposed that ' While I highly valued all his explanations, I was bound to tell him I was born and bred a Unitarian.' 'Yes.' he said, 'I supposed so;' and continued as before. He said he knew all about Unitarianism perfectly well, because he had once been a Unitarian, and knew what quackery it was. He had been called the Rising Star of Unita-

MR. LATHAM AND THE PITTSBURG AND STEE-BENVILLE RAILROAD -Mr. Latham arrived here on Monday last, in company with Mr. John S. King, one of the contractors, to complete the Pittsburg and Steubenville railroad. At a meeting of the Board yesterday, in accordance with a previous arrangement, Mr. Isaac Jones, the President of the Company, voluntarily resigned his office, to take effect on the 1st October, and Mr. Latham was unanimously elected President of the Company, as a reward for the important services which he has rendered in bringing to a successful termination the contract to finish.

equip and run the road. We learn that Mr. Latham has been acting as an assistant in the banking house of John Thompson, Esq., New York, nearly ever since the failure of the house of Selden, Withers & Co., of Washington city. In the failure of Selden, Withers & Co.,

Mr. Latham's reputation as a negotiator and financier had suffered very materially, but whatever damage it may have sustained by the unfortunate suspension of that house has been fully repaired by his able and successful initiation and prosecution of the contract which he has made to complete the Pittsburg and Steubenville Railroad. It is evident that none but an energetic,

patient and skillful negotiator, could have made this contract, reconciling the conflicting and jarring interests by which the road was surrounded. We understand the work will he commenced in a few days, with a strong be finished in December next .- Pittsburg paper, 27th. UNDERGROUND RAILROAD .- The Richmond

Dispatch says: On the 4th of July last, a yellow fellow, named Jordan Preston, owned by Messrs. T. & S. Hargrove, tobacconists, exhibited his independence by running of from his masters, and as they supposed his object was to escape to a free State, they offered a reward of \$300 for his apprehension. On Friday night last, the owner of this negro, having reasons to believe that he was about making an effort to get to Washington, sent Messrs. Wm. Hargrove and Wm. S. Jenkins in that direction, and when they got near Aquia Creek, they discovered Jordan on the Richmond and Frederick cars, under the care of a white man. They immediately seized the negro, but unfortunately, in the excitement, the white man gave them the slip and made have merited the second prize, but, strange good his escape. Jordan had disguised him-to say, the ungenerous spirits who were then self by blacking his face and having his hair curled, but the two young men knew her so well, that they had no difficulty in recognising him. It is proper for us to add, that no blame is attached to the officers of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad Company, as the negro was put on the cars by a white man, who gave the requisite security that all was right. Jordan had a forged emancipation paper signed Loftin B. Ellett, and had changed his name to John St. Clair.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TRADE .- Ond thousand baskets of peaches where shipped from Norfolk by one of the N. Y. steamers. Barly apples are also shipped to Baltimore The sweet potato trade will commence shortly-a productions. Suffice it to say, as regards the few barrels having already been sold at \$6.